

REMARKS

The Applicants and the undersigned thank the Examiner for the indication of allowability of claims 4, 7, 11, and 15. Bases on this indication, it is believed that this application has been amended to place it in a condition for allowance.

This application, as amended herein, contains claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8-10, 12, 13, 14 and 16. Claims 4, 7, 11 and 15 have been cancelled.

The allowable subject matter of claim 4 has been included in claim 1. It is not believed that the recitations in claims 2 and 3 are required to define patentable subject matter, and claims 2 and 3 remain dependant upon claim 1. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is directed to patentable subject matter.

The allowable subject matter of claim 7 has been included in claim 5. Claim 5 is now directed to allowable subject matter.

In a similar manner, the allowable subject matter of claim 7 has also been included in claim 8. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 8 is also directed to patentable subject matter.

The allowable subject matter of claim 11 has been included in claim 9. Claim 9 is now directed to allowable subject matter.

In a similar manner, the allowable subject matter of claim 11 has also been included in claim 12. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 12 is also directed to patentable subject matter.

Finally, the subject matter of claim 15 has been included in claim 13. It is not believed that the recitations in claim 14 are required to define patentable subject matter, and claim 14 remains dependant upon claim 13. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claim 13 is directed to patentable subject matter.

In view of the allowable nature of the subject matter of all of the claims, if the Examiner cannot issue an immediate allowance, it is respectfully requested that he contact the undersigned to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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